December 18th, 2023

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18th, 2023. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, John Jamison, Loren Booth, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, Deputy City Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen. City Manager Hilary Reed was absent.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the December 4th, 2023, meeting, and the list of claims. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

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CLAIMS 12/18/23		
ACCO	CHEMICALS	3,201.10
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	204.38
BADGER METER	HOSTING SERV.	48.72
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	364.94
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	GREEN MARKING PAINT	328.70
BOLTON & MENK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	612.50
CENGAGE	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	72.72
CONNECTIONS, INC.	GROUP INSURANCE	40.68
GREAT AMERICA FINACIAL SERVICE	COPIER LEASE	79.00
DEL'S GARDEN CENTER	TREES	47.94
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	6,041.13
ISU TREASURER'S OFFICE	RURAL HOUSING ASSESSMENT	5,000.00
JAMES LITWILLER	UNDERCOAT PAINT	32.04
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FLOOR DRY	266.49
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	182.18
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	COPY PAPER	55.00
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE FEES	143.96
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	477.16
LAURENS PLUMBING SERVICE	REPLACE LIGHT	215.98
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	340.68
OFFICE ELEMENTS	COPY PAPER	58.75
POCAHONTAS CO. SOLID WASTE	MONTHLY LANDFILL FEES	6,322.10
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY LIFE INSURANCE	871.65
PRO COOP	MONTHLY FUEL	2,257.80
R&D INDUSTRIES, INC.	TECH SUPPORT	697.00
RB LUMBER COMPANY	2X4X8 BOARD	6.75
RECREATION SUPPLY COMPANY	POOL SUPPLIES	5,818.65
RSM US LLP	IT SERVICES	1,011.30
SANDE CONSTRUCTION	PAY REQUEST #3	199,250.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,895.20
UNITYPOINT HEALTH WORK	HEARING TEST	217.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONES	409.36
VISUAL EDGE, IT	MONTHLY COPIES	76.85
WELLMARK	JAN MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	9,992.05
WEX BANKS MONTHLY POLICE FUEL		836.06
	TOTAL	247,476.53
PAYROLL 001	12/11/2023 GENERAL	7,130.79
210	ROAD USE TAX	1,521.22
600	WATER	3,073.33

610 SEWER

670 GARBAGE

2,708.10

3,482.69

	TOTAL	17,916.13
	PAYROLL TOTAL	17,916.13
	PAID TOTAL	265,392.66
001	GENERAL	13,560.76
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,743.60
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6,032.58
174	POOL RESTRICTED	205,068.65
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE COMMITTEE	5,000.00
		3,000.00
600	WATER	9900.24
610	SEWER	6940.1
670	GARBAGE	15,146.73
	TOTAL BY FUND	265,392.66

Tony Abbott has purchased the property at 204 S. 3rd St. It is currently zoned as C-1, and he is requesting a rezoning to R-1. Booth moved to approve sending the request to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Chad Cleveland and the LMPC board of trustees presented LMPC's annual report. Mr. Cleveland also asked the council to approve the 20223 write offs. Zylstra so moved. Jamison seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

LMPC Board of Trustees also requested Resolution 23-23 Board Compensation to be approved. Booth so moved. Christeson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Fisher nor Chief Aschenbrenner were present for the nuisance hearing continuation, however, the council was satisfied with the Sheriff's report of the call with the posting of the abatement. Booth moved to continue with the abatement charges. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

An update from Pat Sullivan regarding the Proposed Community Center was given.

Discussion was held on a Code Enforcer. We will see if he can attend a meeting in January for more information.

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 24-23 – Unpaid Nuisance Fees. Zylstra seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zylstra moved to changing the date of the next council meeting to Tuesday, January 2nd at 5:00 p.m. due to the New Year Holiday. Christenson seconded.

Zylstra moved to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor	Joan Hoben, Deputy City Clerk	